

REMARKS

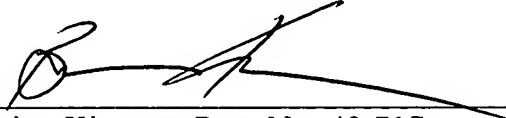
By virtue of this amendment, claims 21, 22, 24, 25, and 27 remain pending in this application.

In a March 11, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Alston. The Examiner rejected claims 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alston in view of Shelley. The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 8, 10, 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peterson in view of Waters. The Examiner rejected claims 11-13 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peterson in view of Waters in further view of Shelley. The Examiner rejected claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peterson in view of Waters and Shelley in further view of Tulipani et al. Finally, the Examiner objected to claims 26 and 27 as dependent on rejected base claims, but otherwise allowable. The applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

With regard to the rejections, the applicants respectfully traverse the rejections. However, in order to expedite the allowance of the application as a patent, the applicants have cancelled claims 1-20, 23, and 26 without disclaimer or prejudice. Claim 21 has been amended to incorporate the elements of allowed claim 26, which include the elements of claim 23). Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 21 is currently in condition for allowance. Claim 27 has been amended to depend from claim 21. Claims 22, 24, 25, and 27 all depend from claim 21. Because claim 21 is currently allowable, claims 22, 24, 25, and 27 also are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the pending rejection and allowance of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due for entry of this paper. If an extension of time under 35 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this Amendment, such an extension is requested. If there are fees due under 37 U.S.C. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not otherwise accounted for, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2623.

Respectfully submitted,



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